



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Section 3: Education Programs	Revision Date: March 26, 2002
Signature: /s/ Bill Slaughter	Effective Date: March 12, 2001

I. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to establish procedures and criteria for distributing university aid to juvenile offenders residing in a youth correctional facility when the youth is eligible for enrollment in a unit of the Montana University System.

II. IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy was revised with content changes on March 26, 2002.

III. AUTHORITY:

2-15-112, MCA. Duties and Powers of Department Heads

20-25-421, MCA. Charges for Tuition-Waivers

52-5-112, MCA. University Aid to Residents of Schools.

53-1-203, MCA. Powers and Duties of Department of Corrections

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Resident means a juvenile offender residing in a state youth correctional facility.

State Youth Correctional Facility means the Pine Hills and Riverside Youth Correctional Facilities.

Tuition Waiver means the Board of Regents of Higher Education may waive the cost of tuition for residents qualified under 20-25-421 MCA, who meet the criteria set forth in 52-5-112 MCA.

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University Aid means up to \$800 per year toward the expenses incurred while attending a unit of the Montana University System. The money may be used for transportation, clothing, books, and/or board and room expenses. It must be paid in the same manner as other expenses of the school.

V. PROCEDURES:

The Superintendent may recommend that the Department approve funding when eligibility requirements are met.

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. No more than eight (8) youth from each youth correctional facility may receive university aid and/or fee and tuition waivers to attend a unit of the Montana University System.
2. A resident must meet Montana University System entrance requirements
3. Youth correctional facility policies will determine the internal program and security criteria for a resident's eligibility to attend a University unit, or to participate in a telecommunications education program.

B. Director and Superintendent Responsibilities

1. The Director may request fee waivers from the Board of Regents upon review of a recommendation by the Superintendent.
2. The Director may recommend the youth for annual university aid, up to \$800 per year based on budget authority for university aid.
3. The Director may notify the Board of Regents prior to August 1 of each year, who, if anyone, has been approved to receive the benefits for the school year.

VI. CLOSING: Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Facility Superintendent.